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SUBJECT: 104TH EX BD: AGENDA ITEM 7.1.6

REF: IO/PERMDEL TELECON MAY 9

1. ON U.S. REQUEST (WITH ARAB CONCURRENCE ASSURED IN
ADVANCE) THE EX BD AGREED TO PUT OFF DISCUSSION OF
AGENDA ITEM 7.1.6, RELATING TO THE UN "COMMITTEE ON
THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN
PEOPLE," UNTIL AFTERNOON OF WEDNESDAY, MAY 10.

2. WE RESTATE FOR CLARITY, THAT THIS AGENDA ITEM WAS PROPOSED
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BY ARAB MEMBERS OF THE EX BD, AND WAS ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS
AFTER U.S. AND BELGIUM RESERVED POSITIONS. (IN SUBSEQUENT ELECTION
OF A NEW BELGIAN MEMBER OF THE EX BD, THE NEW MEMBER HAD FIVE
VOTES CAST AGAINST HIM IN SECRET BALLOT, BUT LATER BELGIANS
WERE TOLD THAT THESE WERE CAST BY ARABS IN RETALIATION.
THIS MAY EXPLAIN BELGIM'S PRESENT DECISION TO ABSTAIN ON THE
RESOLUTION RATHER THAN VOTE AGAINST.)

3. WE HAVE MADE IT CLEAR TO ALL EX BD MEMBERS THAT US CANNOT ACCEPT ANY REFERENCE TO THE COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE, ETC. ALTHOUGH, TAKING LEAD FROM REFTEL TWO, WHICH INDIRECTLY INDICATED THEORETICAL POSSIBILITY OF AN ACCEPTABLE TEXT, WE HAVE DISCUSSED LANGUAGE THAT WOULD NOT CONTAIN REFERENCES TO THE COMMITTEE OR TO THE UNGA RESOLUTIONS. NONE OF THE DRAFTS OF THE RESOLUTION ON THIS ITEM THAT HAVE BEEN CIRCULATED REPRESENTS A REAL CHANGE IN SUBSTANCE.

4. IF THE EX BD CONSIDERS A RESOLUTION UNDER THE TITLE OF THE PRESENT AGENDA ITEM 7.1.6, AND IF THE TEXT OF THE RESOLUTION CONTAINS THE FULL TITLE OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE, OUR ASSESSMENT OF EX BD POSITIONS AS OF C.O.B. MAY 9 IS THAT SUCH A RESOLUTION WOULD PASS BY OVERWHELMING MAJORITY, WITH NEGATIVE VOTES BEING CAST BY U.S. AND AUSTRALIA, THE WE'S ABSTAINING, AND PERHAPS ONE OR TWO AFRICANS NOT PARTICIPATING.

5. PER REFTELCON, USDEL WILL ACCEPT CHAIRMAN MARTIN'S INVITATION TO MEET WITH HIM AT 9:30 A.M. LOCAL MAY 10, AND ASK HIM FOR SUPPORT ON AN INITIATIVE TO SUBMIT A NEW AGENDA ITEM 7.1.7 ENTITLED UNESCO'S ACTIVITIES IN FURTHERANCE OF THE (LEGITIMATE) CONFIDENTIAL

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RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE, AND CONTRIBUTION TO THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS ON THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE ISRAELI OCCUPATION. MARTIN'S SUPPORT WOULD BE ESSENTIAL IF SUCH A MOVE WERE TO SUCCEED. IF MARTIN AGREES TO SUPPORT, WE WILL THEN SEEK BY THE MOST PROMISING MEANS TO CREATE SITUATION IN WHICH ARABS WILL BE INCLINED TO ACQUIESCE. THIS MIGHT WELL INVOLVE ASKING THE DIRECTOR GENERAL TO INTERVENE WITH AFRICAN, AND POSSIBLY OTHER, MEMBERS. TORRES

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